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SUBJECT: CROWN PRINCE HASSAN, EGYPT, JORDAN AND NEGOTIATIONS

1. CROWN PRINCE CALLED ME IN TO TALK EVENING JULY 10.
ONE SUBJECT ON HIS MIND WAS CALL HE HAD
RECEIVED EARLIER THAT DAY FROM EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN
AMMAN. (EARLIER I HAD SPOKEN WITH EGYPTIAN , OUTLINING
SOME OF THE STEPS WE WERE TAKING TO SUPPORT LONDON
MEETINGS AND RECENT EGYPTIAN POSITION WITH GOJ.
EGYPTIAN ASKED WHETHER HE SHOULD CALL ON HASSAN; I
ANSWERED IN AFFIRMATIVE.)

2. HASSAN WAS ASKED BY EGYPTIAN TO GIVE MORE POSITIVE
SUPPORT TO EGYPT. HASSAN REPLIED, HE SAID, THAT U.S.
HAD BEEN PROVIDING JORDAN WITH MORE INFORMATION ON AND
MORE OFTEN REQUESTED SUPPORT FOR EGYPTIAN INITIATIVES
THAN EGYPT. IN RESPONSE HE (HASSAN) HAD ASKED MININFO
TO MAKE POSITIVE STATEMENT ON EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL.

3. HASSAN THEN SAID THAT HE TOLD EGYPTIAN IT WAS TIME
THAT EGYPT ITSELF BEGAN TO DEAL MORE OFTEN, MORE DIRECTLY
AND MORE INFORMATIVELY WITH HUSSEIN. HASSAN ALLUDED TO
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FACT THAT MUBARAK RARELY COMES HERE WITH ANYTHING BUT
A SERIES OF WRITTEN STATEMENTS EACH BEGINNING, "PRESIDENT
SADAT THINKS, OR SAYS, ETC." AND CAN NEVER ANSWER
QUESTIONS OR DISCUSS ISSUES. KAMEL MAY HAVE TALKED TO
IBRAHIM, BUT MESSAGE WAS (IBRAHIM CONFIRMED THIS TO ME
LAST EVENING)--"RELAX, TIME IS NOT READY FOR JORDAN TO
GET INVOLVED." HASSAN ALSO SAID THAT HE TOLD EGYPTIANS

THAT IN THE PAST ASHRAF MARWAN, MAHMOUD RIAD AND OTHERS
CAME TO JORDAN PREPARED TO CONSULT AND DISCUSS.
EGYPTIAN REPLIED THAT SADAT HAD IN EFFECT BEEN OUT
ALONE ON HIS OWN FOR SO LONG THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE WAS
NOT COMFORTABLE FOR HIM.

4. I EXPECT THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF EMBELLISHMENT OF
WHAT THIS CONVERSATION REALLY INVOLVED. HASSAN IS
BASICALLY FRIENDLY TO EGYPT AND SADAT. THE EGYPTIAN
AMBASSADOR HERE IS BASICALLY WELL-LIKED, INTELLIGENT,
AND LOCALLY WELL-INFORMED. WHILE I RECOGNIZE THAT WE
CANNOT RUN EGYPT'S INTER-ARAB RELATIONS, I WOULD HOPE
THAT AMBASSADOREILTS MIGHT MENTION THE FACT THAT
HASSAN AND HUSSEIN MIGHT BENEFIT FROM A LITTLE MORE
CONSULTATION AND HAND-HOLDING AND THAT EGYPTIAN
AMBASSADOR HERE COULD PROBABLY BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN
THIS THAN HE HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO BE UP TO NOW.
JORDANIANS DO WONDER FROM TIME TO TIME WHY OUR MESSAGES
ARE ALWAYS A BIT MORE CATHOLIC THAN THE POPE WHEN IT
COMES TO WHAT EGYPT WANTS AND IS DOING. PICKERING

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